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## **JANUARY MILK PRICES INCREASED FROM DECEMBER**

Prices received by New York producers for milk sold during January were up from a month earlier, according to Steve Ropel, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. The price of corn also increased. The price of apples, wheat, and hay decreased. The price of potatoes was unchanged. Many previous month prices were revised due to more complete sales information.

Dairy farmers in the Empire State received an average of \$17.00 per hundredweight of milk sold during January, up 30 cents from December and \$2.70 more than January a year ago.

Grain corn, at \$3.93 per bushel, was up 15 cent from December but decreased 83 cents from last year. Wheat, at \$5.14 per bushel, was down 14 cents from December and down \$2.57 from January a year ago. Hay averaged \$114.00 per ton, down \$15 from December and \$2 lower than prices received January 2009. Potatoes averaged 12.10 per hundredweight, unchanged from December but down \$2.70 from last year at this time. Apples, at 20.7 cents per hundredweight, were down .8 cents from December and 6.6 cents from last year.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in January, at 137 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 2 points (1.5 percent) from December. The Crop Index is unchanged but the Livestock Index increased 4 points (3.4 percent). Producers received higher prices for broilers, cattle, hogs, and apples and lower prices for lettuce, corn, broccoli, and soybeans. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and rice offset decreased marketings of milk, broilers, cotton, and grapes. The information in this release is available by free email subscription by subscribing to New York reports at [www.nass.usda.gov/ny](http://www.nass.usda.gov/ny).

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